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MONSTER WATER DEAL

Territory Conveys Vastly Valuable Waiahole Rights To Newly Formed Company For Value Received—Work Must Be Finished Within Five Years' Time

In the presence of less than a dozen spectators the sale of the Waiahole water license, one of the biggest transactions of its kind here in recent years, took place on the steps of the capitol building this morning. For a consideration of \$15,000 to be paid annually during the term of the original license, the Territory conveyed the entire rights to the waters of the Waiahole district to the Waiahole Water Company, Ltd., a new concern which filed its articles of incorporation only this morning.

All the details of the sale were pre-arranged, even to the price that would be offered and accepted, and there were no contesting bidders. The purchasers must now to make the deal good, deposit a bond of \$50,000 as a guarantee that active work on the big tunnel through the Koolau range, which is to convey the stream from windward Oahu to the lee side of the island, will begin within a year and that it will be finished and the water running through the great bore with in five years' time.

The incorporators of the new company which undertakes the big work are the directors of the Oahu Sugar Company, whose land on this side of Oahu is to be converted into rich corn fields by the accession of the irrigating stream. The Waiahole Water Company is organized with a capitalization of \$1,000,000 and a maximum limit of \$10,000,000. The officers are J. F. Hackfeld, president; George Rodick, treasurer; P. Klamp, secretary; M. P. Robinson, first vice president; and F. J. Lowrey, second vice president. Four additional directors, comprising the directorate of the Oahu Sugar Company, are provided.

Several of the new company's officials were present at today's sale. President Hackfeld acting as its official representative in making the solitary bid for the license. The terms of the license provide that after the period comprising the original license has lapsed the same company may renew the license, repeating this at intervals of ten years until it has held the license for a total of sixty years, at which time the entire project reverts to the Territory. At each renewal the rate of rental to be paid by the Territory may be revised by a committee of three provision for the selection of which is made in the franchise.

OAHU AND KAUAI HOUSE MEMBERS PLAN COMBINE

A coalition of Democrats of Oahu and Republicans of Kauai to wrest the speakership of the House from Henry Lincoln Holstein, of Hawaii, and give it to an Oahu representative, has been proposed here and appears to have some prospect of being carried out. If so, it will not only be a big upset in legislative circles, but a remarkable merging of interests by Oahu and Kauai that will probably result in a significant combination for the entire legislature.

Clarence H. Cooke, one of the two men who escaped the general

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ANOTHER VAST SUM FOR PEARL HARBOR WORKS

Additional hundreds of thousands of dollars are to be scattered along the shores of Pearl Harbor. The vast sum of \$402,000 has been allotted to new work on the new naval station, to be expended for fuel storage and handling machinery, and with the completion of the work, Pearl Harbor, besides being the naval key to the Pacific, will be the greatest fuel depot in the navy chain.

Some weeks ago brief news dispatches from Washington announced that further funds had been allotted for the new coal plant, but just how this money was to be expended, and when it would be available, was not known to the naval engineers until a day or so ago, when a cable was received by the public works officer, giving further details.

For the coal plant, which has already been commenced, an additional \$316,000 has been set aside. This will be expended for the most part for overhead steel trestles, electric cranes and other handling machinery, and also to double the capacity of the coal storage plant from 100,000 to 200,000 tons.

Eighty-six thousand dollars is appropriated for three more fuel oil tanks, of 2,000,000 gallons capacity each. Under the original plans only one tank, of 1,500,000 was provided. All this money comes from a running appropriation for fuel supply depots.

The significant feature of the new appropriation, according to naval men here, is that the scope of Pearl Harbor and its future uses is being enlarged without local political influence or urging. It is the only navy yard the United States has ever constructed that has not been fought for or against by senators, representatives or delegates, and it has gone even beyond a bureau matter. It is the general board, the highest naval council, that is forcing Pearl Harbor above all other naval work, and insisting on vast fuel storage capacity.

The recently announced program of sending 7000 tons of coal per month to Honolulu, is now more generally understood.

MORMON LUAV PROVED A FAKE

The faded and succulent pig was not killed and barbecued at a luau given under the auspices of a "Mormon" organization which one Willie Werner declared himself to represent.

No less important a personage than Mayor Joseph J. Fern was enlisted to contribute to what was described as "a worthy cause."

Werner faced a charge of soliciting financial assistance for an entertainment pronounced as fraudulent. He was arraigned before the District magistrate this morning and being found guilty was sent to Hotel Ascho for three months, where such little frivolities as luau are tabooed.

Deputy Chief of Detectives Keller was musing over the frailties of hu-

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GOING AFTER BUTCHERS OF BIG ISLAND

(Special Star-Bulletin Wireless.)
HILO, Dec. 14.—It is reported here today that Manuel Tavares, representative-elect from Maui, is planning to open a butcher shop in this city. His object, it is stated, is to test down the prices the local butchers are getting by breaking into the local market with Maui raised cattle. He is said to have declared that he expects a spirited fight but intends to win.

FIVE YEARS ON DIET OF WINE

Five years a steady adherent to a prescription given by a local Chinese doctor, Quong Ung, a Chinese, declared this morning that he had steadily persisted in the moderate use of cheap wine, and lived to tell the tale.

The Chinese, arraigned at police court upon a charge of selling liquor without a license, put up a most novel as well as amusing defense.

He endeavored to enlist the sympathy of District Magistrate Monsarrat as well as Prosecuting Officer Brown by relating his troubles, which in the concrete were that he had been ailing for years, and following a visit to a physician years ago was ordered to sparingly partake of wine.

Quong Ung was alleged to have sold ten cents worth of dago firewater to an Hawaiian woman. He is known to the police as an object of charity for one of the local Chinese benevolent societies.

A marked coin was employed by the woman in selling her bill for the half filled bottle of liquor.

The story told by the defendant fell upon unsympathetic ears. Found guilty as charged, the magistrate moderated the penalty in this case, from a cash fine to thirty days' imprisonment.

The Chinese is a decidedly weakened and aged man. His close application to a wine diet failed to create a very favorable impression with the court.

SLAYER OF 'PAL' WAIVES HEARING

Private William S. Hagemann, of Schofield Barracks, accused of the murder of his friend and boon companion, Private Henry Gerken, last Sunday evening, this morning waived preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner David C. and was ordered held to the Federal grand jury, which is called to sit January 27. Prisoners held on a charge of first degree murder cannot be released on bail.

So Hagemann will be confined at Oahu prison until he is called to trial in the Federal district court.

Evidence of a sensational nature is promised by Hagemann's legal counsel in his defense when the case comes to trial. Of what it will consist no intimation is given. Much mystery surrounds the shooting at Oahu and the causes leading up to it.

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TAFT LEAVES ALL TARIFF TINKERING TO SUCCESSOR

In Second Message to Congress President Deals With All Departments Except That of State—Urges Naval Reserve and Wants More Battleships—Would Like to See Militia Pay Bill Become Law

WASHINGTON, December 6.—President Taft will make no further effort to have Congress reduce the tariff. In a "general" message to Congress submitted today, the President clearly indicated his intention of leaving further tariff revision to Mr. Wilson and the Congress, just elected.

"Now that a new Congress has been elected on a platform of tariff revenue, only rather than a protective tariff and is to revise the tariff on that basis," said the President, "it is needless for me to occupy the time of Congress with arguments or recommendations in favor of a protective tariff."

This message, the second submitted by the President since the present session began, will be his last of a general character. It dealt with every department of the government except the State Department, recommended much of the legislation which Mr. Taft previously had urged upon the attention of Congress, and took up and discussed at length several subjects comparatively new.

Navy's Needs.
Mr. Taft came out strongly against independence for the Philippines proposed, he said, in a bill now before Congress. He deprecated the new policy of the battleship a year instead of two; and endorsed again the scheme

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FREAR A 'SANTY' TO PRISON INMATES

Substantial Christmas presents to several inmates of Oahu prison, in the form of commutations and pardons, have been prepared by Governor Frear and will be left with Secretary Mott-Smith for distribution among the lucky members of Sheriff Henry's "family" on Christmas morning. The documents were signed and sealed this morning, as one of the Chief Executive's final acts before his departure for Laysan and Midway islands on that month's vacation. The names of the prisoners concerned were not given out.

The Governor is an extremely busy man today, giving the final touch to many affairs requiring attention and laying plans that will enable the administrative machinery to continue its routine during his absence.

Of these was the final approval given the form of the water license sought by the new street railway company of Hilo, on which the Governor and L. S. Connors have been conferring during the last week. The advertisement of the sale of the wa-

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SANTA CLAUS HOLDS S.S. SIERRA

Old Saint Nick was responsible for the delay in sailing of the Oceanic liner Sierra for the coast today.

Despite the old-repeated warning: "do your Christmas shopping early," a steady stream that nearly approached the dimensions of a mob, besieged the several windows at the local postoffice at twelve o'clock today, the hour set for the departure of the steamer for San Francisco.

A hurried consultation between the postoffice officials and the local agents for the Oceanic liner followed, with the result the steamer was held until one o'clock for dispatch to the mainland.

In the meantime one of the largest crowds to throng the Oceanic wharf in months was on hand to bid bon voyage to seventy-five cabin and fifty steerage passengers.

During the morning hours, seven hundred sacks of mail for the mainland were sent to the Sierra, there to be checked and placed aboard.

The Sierra represents the last sailing from Honolulu to the coast until December 22nd or the 23rd, at which time the Japanese liner Shinjo Maru, followed by the Siberia, are expected to leave for the States.

A large delegation of Spanish and Portuguese gathered at the wharf to say farewell to a half hundred immigrants who, having spent some months in the islands as laborers in the sugar estates, will try conclusions with the labor agencies along the coast.

The Sierra cargo amounted to less than a thousand tons, and was made up of small consignments of sugar, pineapples, honey, hides, coffee, rice and sundries.

The incoming Christmas mails are larger this year than ever before, according to the post office officials, both from and to the coast, and the busiest part of the season is just at the present time. The Korea and the Honolulu, which steamers sailed recently, took the last big mails for the East, and the Sierra this morning was the last Christmas boat to leave for San Francisco.

A quartette of Christmas boats is due to arrive from the mainland the latter part of next week and the early part of Christmas week. The Laurine will arrive on the 18th, the Tenyo Maru on the 19th, the Sonoma on the 23d, and the Wilhelmina on the 24th, and all these steamers, it is expected, will carry huge mails destined for the Islands. Mail for Midway and Laysan Islands by the revenue cutter Thetis, which is scheduled to sail tomorrow, will close this evening at five o'clock.

Dr. J. T. McDonald left today by the steamship Sierra on a vacation trip to San Francisco for the Holiday season. He will return by the Sierra of Jan. 6.

Hop Kee entered a plea of guilty in Judge Robinson's court this morning to the charge of illegally selling certain foodstuffs. Sentence was suspended for thirteen months.

Tamps Charge; Powder Blows; Worker Dead

(Special Star-Bulletin Wireless.)
HILO, Dec. 14.—Tamping a charge of high explosives with a sharp-pointed drill yesterday afternoon, one of the Hawaiian workers was instantly blown to pieces. He was, with a number of others, engaged in breaking out the hard lava rock known as pahoehoe, for the breakwater, when the accident occurred.

ENGINEER TAPS FRESH WATER IN 'FRISCO BAY

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—Driving pikes for a wharf in the bay here today, one of the engineers in charge of the work discovered that a vast column of water was bubbling up alongside of the piling. Testing this he found it to be fresh water, and of apparently limitless quantity. Estimates made based on the amount of the flow at present put the value of this find to the city of San Francisco at several million dollars.

FRESH SCANDAL SHOCKS FRANCE

(Associated Press Cable)

PARIS, Dec. 14.—Walter Mumm, the well known manufacturer of champagne who is reputed to be one of the richest men in France is the storm center of one of the prettiest scandals that have shocked this nation for some time.

The millionaire has been shot down by an American adventuress, Marie Barnes, well, but unfavorably known in New York, Baltimore and Washington, where for a number of years she has conducted establishments of a more or less questionable character. According to the statement made to the police, the woman and Mumm quarreled and shot each other. It is impossible to obtain details of the affair as both parties thereto have disappeared.

KATSURA MAY BE THE PREMIER

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)

TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 14.—It is believed that Prince Taro Katsura, who as Marquis Katsura has been twice prime minister of the empire, will again head the cabinet, succeeding Saionji.

The Nippon Jiji this morning received from Tokio a special cablegram similar to the above Associated Press dispatch.

MILLIONS IN NOTES OUT

Emergency Fund Issued In Case Government Becomes Involved In War That Now Appears Possible—Bulgarian Envoy To Peace Conference Declares Allies Are Now Thoroughly Agreed Upon All Important Questions

(Associated Press Cable)
PARIS, Dec. 14.—That the French government is realizing the possibility of war that will engulf the whole of Europe was made plain today when an issue of five franc notes, amounting into the millions was announced by the Treasury. It is declared in the inner circles that this money is to be used in case of war only.

The attitude of Germany and Russia grows steadily more hostile and this, it is believed, has much to do with the latest move by France.

ALLIES AGREED
PARIS, Dec. 14.—Dr. Gansell, the Bulgarian prime minister, here for the day, announced this morning that the Allies have at last settled all their differences and have reached terms that they can act upon unanimously. It is probable that the conference in London will last but a few days.

UNCLE SAM OPENS HEAVY GUNS ON 'BUTTER TRUST'

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 14.—The last of the trust buster cases to be begun by the United States government, under the Sherman act, was opened this morning when Uncle Sam turned his heavy artillery upon the so-called Elgin Board of Trade, and the American Association of Creamery Butter Manufacturers. It is understood that the case will be carried by the defendants to the Supreme Court.

BIRDMAN FLIES OVER SEA WITH NEWSPAPERMAN

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—Aviator Horace Kearney started from this city today in an attempt to fly to San Francisco with a passenger. He has with him a local newspaper man, and expects to make his first stop at Santa Barbara, where he will spend the night. He is using a high powered hydro-aeroplane.

DEMAND DAMAGES FROM MEXICANS

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A commission composed of army officers, appointed to examine into the claims of Americans injured or killed during the fighting on the Mexican border during April and May, 1911, has filed its report. It assesses against the Mexican government the sum of \$36,000. Part of this will go to the heirs of persons slain by stray bullets that came across the line at Agua Prieta and elsewhere.